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PROPOSED RULE **PR 20**
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Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff

Re: Issues Paper on Proposed Rulemaking on Release of
Solid Materials at Licensed Facilities

We are strongly opposed to any rulemaking which would allow deregulation of radioactive materials for release into the marketplace and the environment. Such action would be an abdication of the statutory responsibility of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which is to protect the public health and safety -- not to promote increased exposure of the public to radiation. Not only should radioactive waste be kept isolated from people and the environment, but that which has already been released should be retrieved.

The release of radioactively contaminated metals, concrete, etc. to be recycled into consumer products and structures in the environment will result in large scale exposure of the public to additional radiation. Any such additional exposure will cause irreversible harm to the human gene pool by increasing the rate of genetic mutations.

Sincerely,

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